

**DRAFT MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011
6:30 P.M.**

**Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.
Public input is placed after Council motions to facilitate future research.
Public input, where appropriate, is heard prior to the motion**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Burnside, Vice Mayor Kovacovich, Councilors Whatley, Baker and German were present; Councilors Garrison and Roulette were absent.

Also Present: Town Manager Russ Martin, Public Works Director Ron Long, Councilor-Elect Bruce George, Town Clerk Debbie Barber, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Burnside.

4. Consent Agenda – All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.

a) Approval of the Minutes:

- 1) Regular Session – April 20, 2011
- 2) Work Session – April 20, 2011

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) May 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. – Budget Work Session
- 2) May 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Public Hearing/P&Z Code Rewrite
- 3) May 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
- 4) May 25, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Public Hearing/P&Z Code Rewrite

c) Possible appointment of Ronald C. Ramsey, Esq. as Assistant Magistrate for the Camp Verde Municipal Court for a two-year period, effective June 1, 2011 and setting the weekly pay rate at \$38.00 per hour on an as-needed basis with a three hour minimum. This is a budgeted item. Staff Resource: Presiding Magistrate Cipriano

A motion by Whatley to approve the Minutes of the Regular Session, April 20th with the changes, and the Work Session April 20th with changes, less Item c), seconded by Kovacovich, was unanimously approved, as stated.

Kovacovich requested a correction to the Regular Session Minutes of April 20, 2011, Page 2; his comment about Williams should have referred to that town as a “logging” town. Whatley also requested a correction to those Minutes, on Page 2; the comments by Baker incorrectly stated that Whatley also attended the Afternoon Tea; she did not. Whatley also requested that the Work Session Minutes of April 20, 2011, more precisely reflect that Kenton McCarthy only gave a partial Power Point presentation since he had experienced some technical problems.

Burnside announced that **Item c)** had been pulled by Magistrate Cipriano; the members are only looking at **a)** and **b)**.

5. Special Announcements & Presentations –

- **Presentation of Certificates of Election to Council Member-elect Carol German**
- **Proclamations – Possible approval of Proclamation declaring May, 2011 as Building Safety Month**

Burnside proudly presented the Certificate of Election to Council Member-Elect Carol German who was

reelected for another 4-year term; and announced the formal Proclamation declaring May, 2011 as Building Safety Month.

6. **Council Informational Reports.**

Baker said she had attended, along with other Council members, the Regionalism Conference in Cottonwood; it was represented well by Camp Verde and Town Manager Martin was the speaker. Baker added that we will all work together all around the Valley, and Camp Verde will be Number One.

Whatley reported that her daughter is getting all her friends together to put on a Car Wash on Saturday from 9:00 to 2:00 to benefit Kelsea; there will also be a bake sale and volunteers to help are more than welcome. Whatley said she also attended the League of Women Voters, the Regionalism that Baker referred to, and commented on how the Town Manager had changed into an "I Love Camp Verde" T-shirt to make sure that everyone knew where he came from.

Burnside said that he has been asked to go to the Verde Senior Apartments on May 25th to attend their Annual Picnic at 11:00; all Council members are also invited. The final bids for the Copper Canyon Trailhead have had an extension to May 9th; the project is moving on well. The Verde Valley Archaeology Center will hold its Grand Opening this Friday, May 6, 5:30 p.m. and will be a Yavapai Blessing and Grand Opening until 8:00 p.m. The event will continue through Saturday and Sunday, free admission, door prizes and raffles all three days.

7. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

Howard Parrish said that Camp Verde was really represented at the Fair this weekend; all the pigs and other farm animals were fat and slick, and were purchased at high prices; at the end a turkey for sale brought the price of \$1750 as the result of a fun competition in bidding. Everyone had a good time, and he was very proud of Camp Verde's kids.

Bruce George reported on the meeting with the Big Park people; it was a very good meeting and get-together.

There was no further public input.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Ordinance 2011-A376, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona approving submission of the escrow papers to Yavapai Title Agency for the purchase of the real property, consisting of 16.76 acres of parcel 403-22-025E, owned by Beta Ventures, L.L.C., located on Industrial Drive, Camp Verde, Arizona.** Staff Resource: Ron Long

On a motion by German, seconded by Baker, the Council unanimously approved Ordinance 2011-A376 for submission of the fully executed Purchase Agreement/Escrow Instructions to Yavapai Title Agency for the purchase of real property; 16.76 acres of parcel 403-22-025E located on Industrial Drive near 803 Industrial Drive in Camp Verde, Arizona. **Note:** Mayor Burnside said that his vote, **for the record**, will be an "Aye," to show support of the Council that we have in this Town, not a personal "Aye" vote.

Public Works Director Ron Long said that he believes this is the third time this issue has been brought to the Council for consideration; the particulars have been reviewed, and it is now time to move forward and open escrow. In response to a question regarding water rights, Long said he had met with the Verde Ditch folks and Al Dupuy, and have had talks with the owner of the property. There are no water rights that come with the parcel. There is a registered well on the site; it comes with the property. Long said that in the future he would like to look into purchasing shares of the Ditch, but the existing well should serve adequately for the street purposes. Burnside said that the Council was given a presentation at the Work Session, with a

choice of options. Long explained that at this time the Council is being asked to approve the purchase agreement and open the escrow using Yavapai Title, but that has nothing to do with the financing aspect of the purchase..

PUBLIC INPUT

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

Howard Parrish said that he does not understand that the Town has in the past purchased land for around \$20,000 an acre; this land will cost about \$83,000 an acre. There is also 15 acres of M-1 land toward Cottonwood that sold for about \$49,000 an acre. He does not understand why this land is so high.

There was no further public input.

Whatley requested a response to the public input. Long said that in 2004, the Town had attempted to buy 12 acres of the same property, and the price at that time was \$250,000 per acre. The property now has usable buildings that are structurally sound and come with the land at no extra cost. Long added that the zoning in the area permits the intended use; all the utilities are in, and improvements are planned. The Town now has a chance to own the property it has been leasing for years.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a letter to the Coconino and Tonto National Forest Service relative to the proposed Fossil Creek Wild & Scenic Comprehensive River Management Plan.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Burnside, the Council unanimously approved a letter to the Coconino and Tonto National Forest Service relative to the proposed Fossil Creek Wild & Scenic Comprehensive River Management Plan.

Martin referred to the additional information that was just received, a Resolution that was submitted by the Yavapai-Apache Nation. Martin said that the proposed letter hopefully reflects some of what the Nation has suggested. There are more steps ahead in the process of selecting alternatives. The letter presents a fairly generic stance at this point. The letter basically states that the Town recognizes the value of the Fossil Creek area and all it has to offer, as well as the cultural aspect presented by the Nation. Martin also pointed out the significant economic benefits to be gleaned from the area. Martin acknowledged that there are rules in place, but said that it appears that there is a lack of enforcement, which unfortunately has resulted in abuse to a very special place in the world.

Burnside said he had contacted the Clerk's Office, and had been given an affirmative response, and commented, **for the record**, that "when we have a document that we are sending, like to the State Parks, and we are the representative of our citizens in our Town, irregardless that we did not have time to get it out there, my concern is, if this is not time-sensitive, the public has not seen this draft, not even seen the letter, if we should not ponder this – we can have a discussion, I'd like to see what the other Resolution is, bring this back at another meeting so therefore this letter will be posted on the website for the public to see and to read, if it is not time-sensitive." Martin said that it is somewhat time-sensitive, with a deadline, but he believes that the Forest Service would not ignore a letter that came in after the fact, especially one that represents the citizenry here. If the Town wants to take the extra time, the process is another two or three steps down the road; so there will be ample opportunity for further input.

(Martin left the Council Chambers briefly to get copies of the Nation's Resolution which he distributed upon his return.)

Burnside said he wanted to get a consensus from everyone as to whether they wanted to see the letter before it is signed off, or to let it go like it is; had the Forest Service not shortened the time, there would have been sufficient time. The members expressed their support of the letter, as well as support of the Nation,

with the majority agreeing to go ahead and send the letter as it was drafted. In response to a question regarding including specific support of the Yavapai-Apache Nation Resolution, Martin said he would hesitate to infer that it is the sole representation of the entire community; it was agreed that the letter as drafted was satisfactory as is.

There was no public input.

10. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

There was no public input.

11. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures.**

There were no advanced approvals.

12. **Manager/Staff Report**

Martin said he wanted the public to understand that the need for a General Election is that it is required by the State Statute. It would be great to find an easier and better way in the future to do this, but Camp Verde is a statutory Town, regulated by the State Statutes. There is information on the website on the difference between franchise agreements; APS has also come up with answers to some Frequently Asked Questions that they and the press have received. Pursuant to election laws, the Town is precluded from suggesting either a "yes" or "no" vote. The information is there for the public to make their choice.

Whatley commented that it still should be on the Primary ballot in case there is not a General Election because APS is paying for it, but it is the taxpayers who pay APS.

13. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Whatley, seconded by Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Bob Burnside, Mayor

Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Regular Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 4th day of May 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Debbie Barber, Town Clerk